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Hon. Commissioner For Patents Washington, DC 20231 New York, New York December 28, 2000

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 4, 2000.

REMARKS

I. <u>Introduction</u>

Claims 1-28 are in the case and have been finally rejected by the Examiner. Reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

III. The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-28 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over LaJoie et al. U.S. Patent 5,850,218 ("LaJoie") in view of Williams et al. U.S. Patent 5,977,964 ("Williams"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.